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Job Title: BORDER PATROL AGENT (OPERATIONS OFFICER)

Department: Department Of Homeland Security

Agency: Customs and Border Protection

Job Announcement Number: MHCBPROB-1349572-KSP

**This position is closed and no longer accepting
online applications through USAJOBS.**

The contents of the announcement can still be viewed.

SALARY RANGE:

\$83,468.00 to \$108,507.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD:

Friday, April 10, 2015 to Monday, April 20, 2015

SERIES & GRADE:

GS-1896-13

POSITION INFORMATION:

Full Time - Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL:

13

DUTY LOCATIONS:

19 vacancies in the following location:

El Paso, TX [View Map](#)

WHO MAY APPLY:

Current GS-1896-13 BPA/SBPA with competitive status, within the Office of Border Patrol, currently stationed within El Paso Border Patrol Sector who have served one year as a permanent 1st line SBPA; OR GS-14 (or higher graded) SBPA/BPAs with competitive status, within the office of Border Patrol, currently stationed within El Paso Border Patrol Sector who are willing to take a voluntary change to lower grade.

SECURITY CLEARANCE:

Secret

SUPERVISORY STATUS:

No

JOB SUMMARY:

Customs & Border Protection (CBP): Securing America's Borders

THIS IS A VOLUNTARY REASSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT GS-1896-13 BPA/SBPAs WITH COMPETITIVE STATUS, WITHIN THE OFFICE OF BORDER PATROL, CURRENTLY STATIONED WITHIN EL PASO BORDER PATROL SECTOR, WHO HAVE SERVED ONE YEAR AS A PERMANENT 1ST LINE SBPA; OR GS-14 (OR HIGHER GRADED) BPA/SBPAs

WITH COMPETITIVE STATUS, WITHIN THE OFFICE OF BORDER PATROL, CURRENTLY STATIONED WITHIN THE EL PASO BORDER PATROL SECTOR, WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE A VOLUNTARY CHANGE TO LOWER GRADE.

NO RELOCATION REIMBURSEMENT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

Do you desire to protect American interests and secure our Nation while building a meaningful and rewarding career? If so, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is calling. DHS components work collectively to prevent terrorism, secure borders, enforce and administer immigration laws, safeguard cyberspace and ensure resiliency to disasters. The vitality and magnitude of this mission is achieved by a diverse workforce spanning hundreds of occupations. Make an impact; join DHS.

Discover a challenging and rewarding career in CBP, the sole organization responsible for securing the nation's borders. At U.S. Customs and Border Protection, we:

- Screen passengers, vehicles, and shipments entering our country
- Seize illegal narcotics, vehicles, and agricultural products
- Prevent unauthorized entry into the country
- Rescue individuals who fall into dangerous conditions traversing our border

For more information about CBP's mission, activities, and careers, please see <http://www.cbp.gov> (<http://www.cbp.gov>).

This position will allow you to use your expertise to prevent illegal entry of aliens into the United States by land, water, or air, enforce criminal provisions of the Immigration and Nationality laws, and seek out and apprehend smugglers or aliens who are in the United States illegally. The salary for this position starts at \$83,468 (GS-13 Step 1). Apply for this exciting opportunity to strengthen the Department's ability to protect the homeland.

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- For definitions of terms found in this announcement, please see http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc_1303762131481.shtm (http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc_1303762131481.shtm).

Organizational Location: This position is located within U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Border Patrol, El Paso Sector in Mission Readiness Operations, Law Enforcement Operations, and Law Enforcement Operational Programs in El Paso, Texas. One or more selections may be made using this job opportunity announcement.

TRAVEL REQUIRED

- 25% or Greater
- Overnight travel may be required on a regular and recurring basis.

RELOCATION AUTHORIZED

- No

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a U.S. Citizen to apply for this position
- You may be required to pass a background investigation and/or polygraph
- Males born after 12/31/1959 must be registered with Selective Service
- You may be required to pass initial and random drug testing
- You must be able to meet job-related medical and/or fitness standards

DUTIES:

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You will serve as a **secondary** law enforcement officer (under 5 U.S.C. 8331 (6C) and 8412 (d)). Your duties will include:

- Assisting in the planning and directing of sector-wide programs that enforce immigration and nationality laws
- Assisting in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies, programs, operations and innovative procedures and techniques for the U.S. Border Patrol
- Assisting in mission-specific projects that may include enforcement operations, intelligence collection and reporting, administrative and logistical support and development of training programs
- Assisting and collaborating with other federal agencies and foreign governments in order to develop and implement sector operations consistent with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) policy

The duties described above are the general duties of a second-line Supervisory Border Patrol Agent. Your duties may be more specific depending on the position you apply to and for which you are selected.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

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Basic Qualification Requirements: The basic qualification requirements include experience in law enforcement or other responsible work that demonstrates the ability to make arrests and exercise sound judgment in the use of firearms; to deal effectively with individuals or persons in a courteous, tactful manner; and to analyze information rapidly and make prompt decisions.

AND

GS-13: You qualify at the GS-13 level if you meet the basic qualification requirements and possess one year of specialized experience that includes providing direction and oversight for Border Patrol related functions within an assigned area. This includes assisting, advising, and instructing subordinates in their work and resolving difficult problems requiring coordination with other operating units, and/or developing, managing, or directing operational policy or programs related to Border Patrol operations.

Language Requirement: Must be proficient in the Spanish language (i.e., able to speak and read in Spanish).

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

You must:

- Meet all qualification requirements, subject to verification at any stage of the application process; and
- Meet all applicable Time in Grade requirements (current Federal employees must have served 52 weeks at the next lower grade or equivalent grade band in the Federal service) by Monday, April 20, 2015.

This is a Non-Bargaining Unit Status Position.

Law Enforcement Retirement: This position meets the eligibility criteria for law enforcement retirement under both the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) under Title 5 U.S.C. 8336(c) or Title 5 U.S.C. 8412(d). For more information on required years of service and retirement age click on this link: http://cbpnet/xp/cbpnet/hrm/hr_prof/staffing/maximum_age.xml (http://cbpnet/xp/cbpnet/hrm/hr_prof/staffing/maximum_age.xml). For further information on when an employee continues or discontinues coverage under the special retirement system for law enforcement officers, please see the CSRS and FERS handbook, Chapter 46, pages 12-13. <https://www.opm.gov/asd/hod/pdf/C046.pdf> (<https://www.opm.gov/asd/hod/pdf/C046.pdf>).

Firearms Requirement: You will be required to carry a firearm while performing duties of this position. Maintaining firearm proficiency is also mandatory. Any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence cannot lawfully possess a firearm or ammunition (Title 18, U.S.C. Section 922 (g) (9)). Candidates under consideration will be required to certify whether they have ever been convicted of such an offense. False or fraudulent information provided by candidates is criminally punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Shift work: You will be required to perform work on a shift and rotational basis.

Overtime: You must be readily available to work overtime on an scheduled or unscheduled basis in excess of the 40-hour work week.

Motor Vehicle Operation: You must possess a valid automobile driver's license at the time of appointment. **Uniforms:** This position requires you to wear an officially-approved uniform while in duty status.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

Selection Certificates: Applications will not be rated. All eligible candidates will be referred to management in name order. A series of vacancy questions will be used to determine your eligibility. If you meet those basic requirements, your application package may be referred to management for selection consideration. Falsification of your application will remove you for consideration and could subject you to disciplinary action. If you are best qualified, you may be referred to the hiring manager for consideration and may be called for an interview. To preview the job questionnaire, see View Occupational Questionnaire (<https://ApplicationManager.gov/Questionnaire.aspx?ID=5312409&PreviewType=Questionnaire>).

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics (KSAOs):

Candidates who meet the minimum qualification requirements are required to possess certain Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, or Other Characteristics (KSAOs) to successfully perform the functions of this position. Candidates will be asked to demonstrate their attainment of these KSAOs in their resume. The KSAOs are:

- Knowledge of Immigration and Nationality Laws
- Knowledge of proper law enforcement methods
- Skill in analyzing disparate facts, events, and other types of intelligence material
- Skill in using a variety of automated information systems to gather information for intelligence, enforcement, prosecutions, and to facilitate decision making

Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) eligibility: If you have never worked for the federal government, you are not CTAP eligible. Information about CTAP eligibility is on the OPM's Career Transition Resources website at: http://www.opm.gov/Reduction_In_Force/employee_resources/ctap/Employee-Guideline_CTAP.asp#3a (http://www.opm.gov/Reduction_In_Force/employee_resources/ctap/Employee-Guideline_CTAP.asp#3a). To be considered well qualified under CTAP, you must be rated at a minimum score of 85 for this position. In addition, you must submit the supporting documents listed in the "Required Documents" section of this announcement.

BENEFITS:

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DHS offers competitive starting salaries and an attractive benefits package, including: health, vision, dental, life and long-term care insurance, Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k)), Flexible Spending Account, retirement plan, Employee Assistance Program, personal leave days and paid federal holidays. Other benefits may include: flexible work schedules, telework, tuition reimbursement, transportation subsidies, uniform allowance, health and wellness programs, and fitness centers. DHS is committed to employee development and offers a variety of employee training and development opportunities. For more information, please go to www.dhs.gov/careers (<http://www.dhs.gov/careers>) and select "Benefits."

To compare cost of living data, calculate mortgage scenarios, or gather information on communities and school districts, please visit the website: <http://www.relocationessentials.com/aff/lifecare/tools/salary/col.aspx> (<http://www.relocationessentials.com/aff/lifecare/tools/salary/col.aspx>)

OTHER INFORMATION:

Background Investigation: Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is a federal law enforcement agency that requires all applicants to undergo a thorough background investigation prior to employment in order to promote the agency's core values of vigilance, service to country and integrity. During the screening and/or background investigation process, you will be asked questions regarding any felony criminal convictions or current felony charges, the use of illegal drugs (i.e., marijuana, cocaine, heroin, LSD, methamphetamines, ecstasy) and the use of non-prescribed controlled substances including any experimentation, possession, sale, receipt, manufacture, cultivation, production, transfer, shipping, trafficking, or distribution of controlled substances. Entry into this position may require that you successfully pass a polygraph examination. For more information, please see: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/careers/apply/mandatory_back_invest.xml (http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/careers/apply/mandatory_back_invest.xml).

Probationary Period: Current and former federal employees may be required to serve or complete a probationary period.

CBP uses E-Verify, an internet-based system, to confirm the eligibility of all newly hired employees to work in the United States. Learn more about E-Verify here, <http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify> (<http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>), including your rights and responsibilities.


Every individual receives a fair opportunity throughout the Federal recruitment and hiring process. To learn more, click on the link https://hru.gov/Studio_Recruitment/tools/Mythbuster_on_Federal_Hiring_Policies.pdf (https://hru.gov/Studio_Recruitment/tools/Mythbuster_on_Federal_Hiring_Policies.pdf).

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HOW TO APPLY:

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To begin your online application, click "**Apply Online**" to create a USAJOBS account and follow the prompts or log in to your existing account. Your application packet must include a completed assessment questionnaire, a resume, and any applicable and/or required supporting documentation. Please see the "Required Documents" section below for additional information. All application materials, including transcripts, must be in English.

We strongly encourage you to apply online. If you cannot apply online, you may fax your resume, assessment questionnaire, and supporting documents to **(478) 757-3144** .

You must print a copy of and document your responses to the assessment questionnaire View Occupational Questionnaire (<https://ApplicationManager.gov/Questionnaire.aspx?ID=5312409&PreviewType=Questionnaire>) using OPM Form 1203-FX

http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/OPM1203fx.pdf

(http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/OPM1203fx.pdf), and the official fax cover sheet:

<http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascover.pdf> ([http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascov-](http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascov-er.pdf)

[er.pdf](http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascov-er.pdf)). Please include job opportunity announcement ID 1349572 and provide your SSN, name, and address using the exact name you used when you filled out the questionnaire. If you have uploaded documents into your application, you do not need to fax those same documents.

Applications and supporting documentation will not be accepted by mail or email.

The address below is for inquiries only. You may apply more than once, but the most recent application is the only one that will be used. **You must submit your resume, your online questionnaire, and any supporting documents by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on Monday, April 20, 2015**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **Your resume:** A resume describing your job-related qualifications is required and must be in English. It must contain your full name, address, phone number, and a detailed description of your duties and the dates you performed them (MM/DD/YY), as well as your work schedule and salary. To ensure all your experience is considered, the Office of Border Patrol strongly suggests resumes should describe your experiences and accomplishments, assignment dates, duty locations, and specify whether you have performed duties in investigations, intelligence, or have worked in sector-level or national programs (e.g., horse patrol, BORSTAR, BORTAC, peer support, chaplaincy, canine, etc.), or been assigned to the U.S. Border Patrol Academy, and/or Sector or USBP Headquarters. Include leadership or specialized training and college level courses completed. Resumes must also specify each supervisory position held (clearly listing SBPA, FOS, SOS, APAIC, PAIC, ACPA, DCPA, or CPA). Additionally, include all temporary promotions listing the grade, position, location, and period of time held; temporary details or special assignments held 30 days or more (assignment, location, and period of time); and any prior military or


other specialized experience outside of USBP that is relevant to law enforcement work.


- **Your responses to the job questionnaire:** View Occupational Questionnaire (<https://ApplicationManager.gov/Questionnaire.aspx?ID=5312409&Pre-viewType=Questionnaire>)
- **Are you claiming special priority selection rights under the Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP)?** You must submit a separation notice; your most recent SF-50B (noting your current position, grade level and duty location); a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent; an agency certification that you cannot be placed after injury compensation has been terminated; an OPM notification that your disability annuity has been terminated; or a Military Department of National Guard Bureau notification that you are retired under 5 U.S.C. 8337(h) or 8456.
- Veterans preference points are not applicable to Merit Promotion announcements; veterans documentation is required only to verify eligibility.
- You may be asked to provide a copy of your recent performance appraisal and/or incentive awards. Consideration will be given to performance appraisals and incentive awards as an indication of quality prior experience, no points will be assigned.

It is your responsibility to verify that any information entered, uploaded, or faxed is received and is accurate. Human Resources will not modify or change any part of your application. If a document is not legible, you will not be able to view it in your application and you must again upload or fax it by the closing date.

AGENCY CONTACT INFO:

CBP Hiring OBP Staffing

Phone: (952)857-2935 

Fax: (478)757-3144 

Email: CBPHIRING-OBPSTAFFING@CBP.DHS.GOV

Agency Information:

CBP Minneapolis Hiring Center


5600 American Blvd

Suite 700

Bloomington, MN

55437-1450

USA

Fax: (478)757-3144 

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:

Once the job opportunity announcement has closed, we will assess your experience and training, identify the best qualified applicants, and refer those applications to the hiring manager for further consideration and interviews. You will be notified by email after each of these steps has been completed. Stay informed of changes to your application status by signing up for automatic email alerts at: <https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/NotificationSettings.aspx> (<https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/NotificationSettings.aspx>). If you are referred, you will receive a final notification of the disposition of the announcement. We expect to make a tentative job offer within 60 days after the close of the announcement. If you are selected, we may conduct a suitability/security background investigation.

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